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MINOR LOCAL MATTERS.

AFFAIRS CAUGHT BY OUR LOCAL REPORTER AND NOTED.

Written in Condensed Form and Printed in Like Manner for the Sake of our Weary Readers.

Clean up around your premises. Are hog pens conducive to the health of a town?

Mr. M. F. Heller made a trip to Charleston last week.

Mr. William Gourdin spent Sunday in Kingstree.

It is against the law to throw watermelon rinds on the streets.

Read the bridge notice of the county supervisor in another column.

Miss Annie Thompson left Friday for a month's visit to her old home.

Mr. F. C. Withers, of the Columbia State, was in town a while last week.

The Rev. W. S. Martin and family, of Charleston, are visiting relatives in Kingstree.

Miss Marie Dunlop of Williamsburg County is visiting Miss Wylma Wall.—Marion Star.

Mr. Joel E. Brunson's family has returned to Sumter for the remainder of the summer.

A Sunday school will be organized at the Presbyterian church next Sunday morning.

Mr. McP. McL. Alford, of Bingham, is spending some days in town, the guest of Dr. D. C. Scott.

Prof. H. T. Cook, of Furman University, Greenville, S. C., spent several days here last week in the interest of his college.

Mrs. J. T. Sullivan and children will leave this morning for Pelzer, where they expect to visit for several days.

Miss Kate DuRant, of Sumter, spent several days in town with Miss Anna Ewell last week. She is now visiting the Misses Bell, out at Fowlers.

There was a race between Mr. W. W. Grayson bay mare and Mr. P. B. Thorne's bay horse last Friday in which Mr. Grayson's nag was victorious.

A special meeting of the board of county commissioners will be held on August 2nd. See the advertisement of the county supervisor in another column.

Mr. J. Harry Lesesne, of Manning, came in with the campaign party last Thursday night and spent Friday in Kingstree with his brother, Mr. C. J. Lesesne. Mr. Lesesne will represent Clarendon in the State Senate next year.

The county chain-gang, under the efficient supervision of Mr. J. S. Howle, has been doing some good work on the Greeleyville road, just across Black river. When the job is completed that part of the road will be in better condition than it ever has been before.

Mr. W. R. Funk, who was awarded the contract of rebuilding the river bridge has not yet begun the work though he tells us he will have the work completed by August 20th. He says he is preparing the material, so as to be able to place it in position within a short time. He does not expect to have the place impassable more than ten days or two weeks.

Wholesale Slaughter of Dogs.

A dog supposed to have been suffering from hydrophobia caused no little excitement in town last Monday. He went all over town fighting every dog with which he came in contact. Finally a party of young men caught and killed it at the residence of Thos. M. Gilland, Esq., late in the afternoon.

The rabid canine having bitten several dogs belonging to our citizens, Tuesday was a regular "slaughter-day" for the animals. Early Tuesday morning the town marshal went around town killing every dog that had been bitten the day before. He drew the line at none, where the owner said kill him. Several very valuable dogs were shot, while it was a good riddance to kill others. About fifteen in all were killed. It is still doubtful in the minds of some that the strange dog was really mad and, as a result, some of the dogs that were bitten by it were not killed.

Base Ball Last Friday.

The Indiantown base ball club played a game with the Kingstree nine last Friday which resulted in an easily won victory for the latter. For six innings the local team kept the visitors from making any runs at all. In the fourth inning Gilland, of Kingstree, struck J. Ervin, of Indiantown, on the jaw with a pitched ball knocking him down and inflicting a painful wound. This seemed to rattle the pitcher and he became "wild," allowing the Indiantown club to make nine runs. The game was not very interesting, but there was a great amount of applause. The visiting team was made up as follows: McCutchen, W., Barnhill, Hanna, J., Ervin, R., Daniel, McCutchen, J., Ervin, E., Ervin, J., Epps. In the fifth Hanna, D., was substituted for Ervin, J., who had been hurt by a pitched ball. The following score tells of the game by innings:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Indiantown	0	0	0	9	0	0	1	2-12
Kingstree	4	5	1	2	3	2	0	17*-34

A CARD.

Editor County Record:—The time is approaching for the election of municipal officers of the town of Kingstree. It is important that the electors of the town should select worthy and competent men to administer the affairs of the municipality. I respectfully suggest Mr. Edwin Harper for the office of intendant. He is a practical, energetic and enterprising business man, acquainted with conducting large interests; a man of good judgment and clear economical views as to how the funds of the town should be expended, and the order and welfare of the people subserved. When the ticket is made up let Mr. Harper's name be at the head of it.
July 20, 1897. MERIT.

There will be an eclipse of the sun next Thursday, July 29th, visible all over the United States. It will be in the form called annular; that is to say, the sun will appear as a ring of light around the outside black body of the moon. The eclipse begins at 8:31 and ends at 11:12 o'clock a. m.

Impure water is most common cause of typhoid fever.

THE CAMPAIGN MEETING.

THE SIX CONGRESSIONAL ASPIRANTS IN KINGSTREE.

A Goodly Crowd at the Court House to Hear the Harangues of the Candidates.

The Congressional campaign meeting was held in the court house here last Friday. About 200 persons were present and all of the speakers were given a respectful hearing. Every candidate was given some applause at the close of his address, and one, Bigham, was frequently interrupted by cheers.

Promptly at 11:30 o'clock chairman Kennedy called the meeting to order and introduced as the first speaker

HON. JAMES NORTON.

Mr. Norton said he wished to discuss the issues that effected the pocket book of the people, and they were the tariff and silver, but first called attention to the fact that four candidates accused himself and Mr. Johnson of being over-ambitious; as having good offices and aspiring for higher ones. He said John L. McLaurin did not resign his office as Congressman until he had a commission as Senator in his pocket, so it was not necessary for him to resign as comptroller-general in order to run for Congress. If defeated he would accept the result with good grace and would work right on for the Democratic party. He is not a lawyer, but two-thirds of the Congressmen are lawyers, and that is enough. He then touched on the tariff slightly. Said it should bear equally on all sections. He favors a graduated license so as to make taxes equal. He then attacked the United States Supreme court on its income tax decision. He said that manufactured tobacco was taxed six cents a pound, and he did not favor it. It takes between four and a half and five hundred millions of dollars every year to run this government, and that is two much. He favors import duties, and high ones.

FEED D. BRYANT,

of Marion, was the next speaker. He complimented Gen. Norton on his manly speech. He said we all agree on the silver question. He cannot see where the free coinage of silver will remedy all our evils, but is willing to try it. The north and east, he said, are against the south and west. The Republicans have a majority in Congress and we can do nothing until that is overcome. We are mistaken when we advocate protection, said he. That is a Republican doctrine. He does not favor absolute free trade. We cannot get an equal tariff, so it is useless to try. We should not be in position to be charged with being Protectionists, but should be above suspicion. Too much importance is attached to the money question. We must fight on some other issue. He had never sought office before. He had served his country in war, but his country had never honored him. He does not oppose the free coinage of silver, but we must study the question more. Watch out lest the west gets the best of the south on the silver question. We must be cautious in trying new things. Let everybody vote as his conscience dictates.

D. W. MCLAURIN

was the next introduced. As he was feeling badly he spoke only

a short while. He attacked Mr. Bryant for being on a negro ticket in 1890. Mr. Bryant explained that his name was placed there without his knowledge or consent.

McLaurin—That is his side.

Bryant—That is the truth.

McLaurin—There is another side. You are to judge by the election returns. He then said that Bryant and his friends had traded. This was denied by Bryant. McLaurin said that it would not do to send a man to Congress who would run on a ticket with negroes. Johnson says voted for Haskell. He, too, is dangerous. Here an interesting colloquy occurred between McLaurin and Johnson. Johnson said McLaurin was on shippery ice. McLaurin said Johnson was a bulldozer. This Johnson denied. They disputed for a while Johnson having the crowd with him. McLaurin then said he had been a lot of good in State matters and would be a good man in Congress. He had helped establish Clemson and Rock Hill. Mr. McLaurin only spoke 15 minutes, reserving the rest of his time to be used at the close of the meeting.

J. E. ELLERBE

was the fourth speaker. He said he meet his bosses in the people. He had no understanding with any man. Is running on his merits. Is willing to discuss issues squarely and leave out personalities and let the people make up their verdict. Bryant had said our representatives were bought up by northern men.

Bryant—No; I did not say that.

Ellerbe—McLaurin and Tillman can never be bought!

Bryant—I said some Southern Senators. I meant they had been charged with being bought.

Ellerbe—That's better. He then went into the money question. Tariff must be side tracked till after silver attains free coinage. We are naturally free traders but we have been whipped several times. We must give protection on certain things so as to eliminate the tariff, and then we can win on silver. Some people last fall voted with the Republicans because they would protect their industries. We must give them protection and they will vote with us on the silver question. He does not favor national banks, but wants the Government to lend the farmers money at the same rate it does to corporations. He attacked Johnson, saying he has been solicitor for nine years and has three more to serve. Norton has a good job, and so has McLaurin. They do not possess a monopoly of the brains of this District. If they want to go to Congress let them resign their offices. He closed by urging all men to vote for the most able man.

L. S. BIGHAM,

ex-State Senator from Florence, then took the floor. He said he concurred with all the others on the silver and tariff questions, and is running on his record. They have all held office save one, and yet they did not tell anything they had done, so the presumption is they have done nothing, said he. He then asked if Mr. Norton was "in court"? That gentleman had retired, so Mr. Bigham wanted him sent for. While waiting for Norton, the speaker said he would attend to some of the others, and at once jumped on Ellerbe. This gentleman, he said, is running on

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NEWS FROM THE COUNTY.

SEVERAL LETTERS CONTAINING VALUABLE NEWS.

Items of Interest From Different Sections, All Boiled Down For Quick Reading.

Scranton.

Master Harvey Byrd is prostrated with fever.

Mr. L. L. Hinson is spending this week in Marion.

Mrs. C. M. Lee, of Dillon, is visiting relatives in this community.

Miss Linnie Lee is visiting friends in Darlington.

Several of our citizens attended the campaign meeting in Lake City Saturday.

Mr. R. L. Lee is at his post of duty again after a week's absence.

Mr. J. P. Nelson, of Kingstree; was in town the latter part of last week on business.

Mr. W. H. Scott is teaching school near Mr. W. P. McGill's. Rev. E. Z. James has accepted the public school a Prospect.

Mr. Tom Johnson, of Sardis, spent Sunday with his brother, Capt. E. S. Johnson, of this place. Mr. Johnson was accompanied by his daughter, Miss Sallie.

The Misses Bostick, of Florence, county, visited Miss Lilly Graham last week.

Rev. Mr. Clyde preached a very impressive sermon in the Methodist church Sunday morning. He is carrying on a protracted meeting at St. Paul this week.

Prof. H. T. Cook, of Furman University, spent Sunday in Scranton. Prof. Cook is traveling in the interest of the University. He is an affable gentleman and an able educator. We were pleased to meet him.

Magistrate W. J. Sturgeon was aroused from his slumbers Sunday night to tie the "Gordian knot," the contracting party being Mr. Alex Graham and Miss Ida McCutchen. Mr. Sturgeon readily accommodated the happy couple and sent them on their way rejoicing.

Hon. J. M. Johnson, of Marion, addressed a small crowd here Saturday night. He was called on unexpectedly, but was nevertheless "equal to the occasion" and made a good hit. He confined himself principally to national issues and made a splendid speech. He was given a close and respectful hearing, and his auditors seemed well pleased with what he said. Mr. Johnson has many warm friends here who are anxious to see him go to Congress.
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The Book & Toy Co., of Darlington, makes a specialty of base ball and other sporting goods. Orders left at the County Record office will receive prompt attention.

The announcement of Winthrop College appears in this issue. All young ladies who anticipate attending an excellent school will do well to read it.

Mr. D. J. Bradham has withdrawn from the Congressional race, as will be seen by his card, which is published in another column.

S. C. College Entrance Examinations.

There will be held at each County seat in the State on August 12th, under the direction of the County Superintendents of Education, an entrance examination for students male and female, who may wish to enter the South Carolina College.

This is done for the convenience of the students, to save time and expense, and above all to give opportunity to any applicants who may fail to pass any part of the examinations to review such study during the month of September, and to try the examination at the college Sept. 28-29, when the usual entrance examinations are held.

The applicants will be informed by August 26th how they have passed and what they need to study further.

At the same time and places competitive examinations will be held for Normal Scholarships, two of which are awarded in each county in the State. These carry with them the remission of fees to the amount of \$50.

A Correction.

Editor County Record:—We are sorry that your Dock correspondent was so far away when we returned from Black river, and also sorry that he heard a false report as to our base ball game. He said our boys looked sick; but we were as fresh as when we left home. Let the correspondent go with us next time and make a fair report to the paper. After we did not play ball the Black River boys wanted to mix up and play, and upon our refusal to do so they told us to leave their grounds, but we did not do so.

Black River.

Editor County Record:—The Black River base ball club has noticed an error in your Dock correspondence last week, and we wish to correct it. The Black Mingo boys were invited to play a game at a picnic and on the grounds they refused to play, saying they would much rather fight than play ball, but we had more respect for the ladies than to fight there.
L. M. BOUCHERRE.

Johnson's Chill and Fever Tonic is a ONE-DAY Cure. It cures the most stubborn case of Fever in 24 Hours.

Senator Clark, of Wyoming, is making arrangements for a base ball match between the House and Senate, to take place when the tariff bill is in conference. The game will be played on the ball park at Washington and the proceeds will be devoted to some charitable purpose in the District of Columbia.

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As a sign of the times it is interesting to know that the Senate has refused to place the Bible on the free list, but it is believed that the conferees will take the tariff off playing cards.